

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
30th JULY 2014 7.30PM**

PRESENT:- Councillor Cameron - in the Chair

Councillors: - Burden, Clark, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Lord, Pasley & Terry

Non
Attendance:-

Staff: - Mrs. Jo Duffy Clerk to the Council

Public:- Mr. Geoff Hardman

RW1348 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

There were two declarations of interest recorded in the Declaration of Interest Register.

Cllr. Mrs Lord & Cllr. Pasley both declared personal interests in agenda item .10 Portishead Youth Centre. Exemption has previously been granted on this interest.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Councillors: - Cllrs. Mrs Cruse, McMurray, Mrs. Philpot and Mrs. Koops gave their apologies.

RW1360 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

Mr. Geoff Hardman asked the committee if they have received a figure for replacing the fence at the Football Club?

The Clerk responded no.

He asked if the access issues have been resolved on the Slade Road play area?

The Clerk responded that the access issues have not been resolved yet, but talks have taken place between the developers of the adjacent site and North Somerset Council. Both parties will be clearing the footpaths through the site. The access through the site will re-open in January 2015.

He asked if Portishead Road Safety Action Group have had further meetings with the police and North Somerset District Councillors?

Cllr. Pasley responded that the District Councillors have had two meetings with the police. To date the information has not been fed back to the Town Council.

He spoke about the state of the Lake Grounds. The Clerk advised that the Lake Grounds are owned and maintained by North Somerset Council. Cllr. Pasley commented that maintenance work will take place September/October to remedy some of the problems with the site. Mr. Hardman offered some possible solutions to speeding on Avon Way. At present the buses stop at the bottom of Coombe Road if they arrive ahead of schedule, this causes severe congestion and frustration. Can the buses not stop at the bus stop just past the play area if they are early?

Mr. Hardman commented about the roundabout at Mezze saying that this is not a legal roundabout and vehicles should not be carrying out U-turns or 3 point turns.

Cllr. Mrs Knight commented that S.106 money from Sainsbury's has been allocated towards improving this section of the road.

Mr. Hardman referred to the Town Council's Standing Orders and the ability for the public to make statements or ask questions during the public participation. He went on to say that he felt that this is the only way to get answers to relevant questions and accountability.

The meeting discussed how the Council could respond to questions asked at meeting, when at the time the answer is not known. Cllr. Cameron suggested that the subject is looked at, at a future meeting.

RW1361 TO REVIEW AND NOTE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS (Agenda item .4)

The meeting discussed the report and asked why the medium risks highlighted on the annual report have not been dealt with on the weekly report.

The meeting discussed setting up a programme to paint the various items of equipment that are showing signs of rust.

Cllr. Mrs Lord asked about the recommendation in the Annual Report for signage to be erected at the Youth Centre MUGA. Is the signage necessary when the ball court cannot be accessed by the public and can only be used by youth centre users? The Clerk offered to investigate.

RECOMMENDATION that:

All items recorded as medium risks are to be dealt with as soon as possible. The Clerk is to establish with the weekly play area inspectors why the medium risks had not been flagged up by them.

RW1362 TO REVIEW COSTS FOR REPLACING ROOM PARTITIONING SCREENS AT REDCLIFFE BAY HALL (Agenda item 5.)

The meeting discussed the state of the current screens and what they are used for. The Clerk confirmed that there is a budget for this item under the reserve 'Major Works Programme for Halls'.

Cllr. Lord proposed that the Council looks at 50/50 match funding with the Hall Management Committee for the purchase of new screens. A vote was taken with four in favour and 3 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION that:

The Council looks at 50/50 match funding with Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee for the purchase of Insta Wall Concertina Partition Screens as per option B at a cost of £1,040 + VAT.

RW1363 TO REVIEW QUOTES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CEILING MOUNTED MULTI-MEDIA PROJECTOR IN THE FOLK HALL (Agenda item .6)

The Clerk briefed the meeting on the quotes. Cllr. Clark queried whether the two quotes were for comparable projectors.

Cllr. Mrs. Lord proposed that the Clerks recommendation is accepted providing that the Council is satisfied that the projector is of an appropriate quality.

The meeting discussed the possibility of applying a charge to organisations wishing to use the new multi-media projector.

RECOMMENDATION that:

Subject to the Council being satisfied that the projector is of an appropriate quality Quote B option 2 of an ultra-short throw wall mounted projector at a cost of £1,817 + VAT is accepted.

RW1364 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL'S CCTV SCRUTINY PANEL (Agenda item .7)

The Clerk briefly explained the back ground behind the report. Cllr. Pasley spoke about the latest 4G technology available for cameras. The remit of the CCTV working group is to look at whether the Town Council gets good value for money, whether crime is being detected and whether it can be established that CCTV acts as a deterrent in the town.

Cllr. Pasley noted that the Police have made recommendations for additional cameras to be placed at the Lake Grounds to help combat anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. Burden queried whether the Lake Grounds is a 4G area as the cost of cameras may be prohibitive if 4G cameras can't be used. The meeting discussed possible locations for the cameras around the town.

Cllr. Clark asked whether the North Somerset Council's control room will be able to cope with monitoring additional cameras. He also raised concerns about the sharing of data between organisations.

Cllr. Terry commented that the Council and the police are in support of additional cameras however there is currently no supporting evidence to back up the need for a camera. The Council has not been provided with the details of traffic speeds from the police or independent verification of what the actual issues are. Without the evidence, North Somerset Council will not investigate or fund traffic calming projects.

Cllr. Burden noted that Sue Mountstevens has instructed her staff to make available information as to the use of CCTV by the police force. The information will include the number of arrests and convictions as a direct result of CCTV use.

Cllr. Clark commented that the general public appreciate the reassurance that CCTV offers, making them feel more secure and able to populate areas after hours.

The meeting agreed to note the report from the Community and Corporate Organisation Policy and Scrutiny Panel, to push for a meeting with the Avon & Somerset Police Commissioner to discuss the information gleaned from CCTV, investigate whether 4G is available at the various locations around Portishead and what the cost of the 4G cameras would be.

This item will go on the next Town Council and Rec & Works agendas

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RW1365 TO DISCUSS TOWN NOTICE BOARDS (Agenda item .8)

The Clerk updated the meeting on the status of the Community Noticeboards. Portishead Neighbourhood Watch has a small amount of funds which can be used towards noticeboards. Going forward the Lions Club of Portishead will be maintaining the Towns Community noticeboards.

RECOMMENDATION that:-

Suggested locations for new noticeboards are passed to Portishead Neighbourhood watch.

RW1366 TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR GERTIE GALES ALLOTMENTS (Agenda item .9)

The meeting briefly looked at the accounts.

RECOMMENDATION that:-

The accounts are noted.

RW1367 TO REVIEW A QUOTE FOR A REPLACEMENT FAN IN THE LADIES TOILET AT PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE (Agenda item .10)

The meeting noted the quote for the replacement fan.

RECOMMENDATION that:-

The Town Council accepts the quote of £352 + VAT to replace the faulty fan in the ladies toilet in the Youth Centre with a Vent Axia fan.

RW1368 TO NOTE A LETTER FROM SERGENT GAVIN O'REILLY OF AVON & SOMERSET POLICE REGARDING SPEEDING AND ANTISOCIAL DRIVING IN PORTISHEAD (Agenda item .11)

The meeting discussed the letter from the Police.

RECOMMENDATION that:-

The letter was noted.

RW1369 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda .12)

- 1. CCTV**
- 2. Public participation**

There were no items for the next meeting agenda, and there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.